

# *VIRMANI ADULT LITERACY PROJECT*

## Report for the year 2006

The Dhanpatmal Virmani Education Trust started a programme three years ago to try and educate the thousands of illiterate people, particularly women, in Delhi and nearby states.

We have set up adult education centers in the slum clusters where most of them live. These centers teach written and spoken Hindi through a computer based functional literacy software, developed by Tata Consultancy Services. Our target is to enable an illiterate person to be able to read and write Hindi in 90 hours.

At present fourteen Adult Literacy centers are functioning in and around Delhi. 242 women, 29 men and 263 children have so far benefited from this programme and learnt to read and write Hindi. 214 women and 142 children are presently learning to read and write Hindi in our centers.

The program has enabled the illiterate women to read a newspaper write letters, fill up a bank form and encourage them to send their children to school. The illiterate children have benefited by getting admissions into schools.

We propose to start 6 more centers during this year. We also propose to start vocational training in these centers and have started by setting up sewing machines in the centers to teach the women sewing and stitching.

The cost of running each center is Rs. 50,000/- US \$ 1,100 per year. This includes the salary of the person in charge of the center and the maintenance of the computer.

Many people have generously donated computers and sewing machines as also financed the cost of running a center. During the financial year 2005-06 the DMV Trust gave Rs. 2,97,603/- US \$ 6,700/- to carry the programme forward.

Our budgeted expense for running the centers in the year 2006-07 is Rs. 10,00,000/- US \$ 23,000/- as also we need more computers and sewing machines.

Our mission is to work relentlessly towards the upliftment of the economically deprived sections of society by operating 2 schools, the Adults Education centers and awarding scholarship to meritorious and needy students to pursue higher studies in colleges in India.

Encl. Donation form.

# *The R. N. Virmani Memorial Endowment.*

## Report for the year 2006

The Dhanpatmal Virmani Education Trust started the R. N. Virmani Endowment in the year 2002. The purpose of scheme was to award scholarships to Indian Nationals for graduate studies in all fields, irrespective of caste, creed or community and to encourage meritorious and needy students to pursue higher studies. Those who come from a family with an annual income of less than Rs. 1,00,000/- US \$ 2,200, are amongst the top five in the final class XII Board Examination and get admission into any professional or technical college are eligible.

The scheme has been very successful with the formation of a permanent corpus. The original donation of \$ 15,000/- was made by Dr. Renu Virmani Finn, daughter of Mr. R. N. Virmani, her family and friends. We have received a total of Rs. 30,00,000 US \$ 66,500 so far as contributions upto 31/12/06, and have been invested in Govt. of India Bonds. Our aim is now to build up a corpus of Rs. 1,00,00,000 US \$ 2,00,000 so that more students can benefit form this scheme.

### Until September 2006 the following students were covered by the scheme.

1.	Ram Swaroop Vij	Chartered Accountancy
2.	Dinesh K. Rana	B. Tech., (Engineering)
3.	Salvinder Singh	B. Tech., (Engineering)
4.	Nitin Chadha	B. E. (Mech. Engineering)
5.	Raj Kumar	Chartered Accountancy
6.	Tarun Yadav	B. Tech., (Mech. & Auto Engineering)

### The following six more students were awarded a scholarship in October 2006.

1.	Jogender Rana	B. Tech., (Engineering)
2.	Gurpreet Singh Sandhu	B. Tech., (Engineering)
3.	Siddhartha Kain	B. Tech., (Engineering)
4.	Vishwas Miglani	B. Sc., (Hons)
5.	Deepak Parashar	Bio Tech.,
6.	Ankur Sharma	Chartered Accountancy

During the financial year 2005-06 Rs. 78,000/- US \$ 1,735 was paid out as scholarships. During the year 2006-07 we expect to disburse Rs. 2,00,000/- US \$ 4,500 to benefit more students.

There has been a marked improvement in the students' performance since the induction of the RNV scholarship program.

Details of activities of the R. N. Virmani Memorial Endowment were put on the website of [www.globalgiving.com/1066](http://www.globalgiving.com/1066) and we will try to keep this website updated.

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Attached Donation form.